



The Dalton Police Department, led by Chief Jason Parker, is a certified police agency with the Georgia Police Certification Program. Of the more than 435

municipal agencies in the state, the Dalton Police Department is one of the only 90 to reach and maintain certification of adherence to over 100 demonstrated best practices standards. The department is made up of 85 sworn officers, and 15 support staff, making it the 12th largest municipal agency in the state. The Dalton police department has exclusive law enforcement jurisdiction within the corporate limits of the city of Dalton, and provides a full spectrum of police services.

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**Mission Statement: ~~~~~ TO PROVIDE THE COMMUNITY OF DALTON A SAFE ENVIRONMENT WITH PROFESSIONAL QUALITY POLICE SERVICE THROUGH POSITIVE**

**INTERACTION WITH ITS CITIZENS**

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What we do and to become is at the core of the mission statement. A mission statement also allows us to maintain direction, eliminate complacency and remain focused on our goals.

***Philosophy:***

The Dalton Police Department maintains a philosophy of "community policing" in order to prevent crime and maintain a safe environment. Together with the citizens, businesses, and civic groups, the Dalton Police Department develops partnerships to solve current problems, and identify others early so that intervention is possible before the problem is out of hand.

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***Strategic Plans:***

In order to be successful, an agency must develop specific objectives and strategies. The Dalton Police Department uses a Strategic Plan to identify targets and goals designed to reach these objectives. The Strategic Plan is developed with input from citizens, and members at every level of the department. The Plan is updated as needed in an ongoing basis, and completely re-evaluated every three years.

To view the current Plan, click [here](#) .